

CHAPTER VI

Horses, Cows, Goats, Swine, and Poultry

Chapter VI, Section 1 and 2, of the Health Regulations adopted May 14th, 1946 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1.

No person shall keep within the limits of this Town, in any building or on any premises of which he may be the owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant, any horses, cows, goats, fowls, pigeons, sheep, bees or swine, without a permit from the Board of Health. All such permits expire annually on April 30th and may be revoked at any time for cause.

Section 2.

The owner or persons in control of any buildings or premises, in which horses, cows, sheep, pigeons, goats, live fowl or swine are kept, shall keep the building and premises clean and free from decaying food, filth, dirt and stagnant water. The buildings and pens shall be whitewashed or disinfected and put in such condition as may be ordered by the Board of Health.

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Section 3.

The owner or other person or persons having control of any existing building or buildings hereafter erected or converted into a barn for the stabling of horses or other domestic animals, shall keep their barns, stables and yards clean, and shall provide a pit constructed of cement or other suitable material for the reception of manure and other refuse matter. Wherever a public sewer is accessible, the Board of Health will decide as to the advisability of connecting such building with such public sewer. No drainage from any stable or other building shall discharge into a manure pit. Every manure pit shall be kept dry and shall be watertight.

Section 4.

All hen houses shall be located as directed by the Board of Health or its agents. No hen house or yard shall be located within fifty (50) feet of any dwelling nor within fifteen (15) feet of any party line nor within fifteen (15) feet of the line of any street, except by special permission of the Board of Health. The above minimum distance requirements may be enlarged or increased in any particular case at the discretion of the Board of Health.

Section 5.

The keeping of swine and the location for keeping same shall be controlled by the Board of Health.

Section 6.

Any person having reason to suspect the presence of glanders or farcy among herds, or any infectious, contagious or otherwise communicable disease among any domestic animals, shall immediately report that suspicion, together with street and number of the premises where the animal is located, to the Board of Health. (The more ordinary symptoms of glanders and farcy are: a discharge from the nostrils, enlargement and hardness of the glands under the lower jaws, or nodular treatment of the skin with or without ulceration.)

Section 7. Separability.

So far as the Board of Health may provide each section of these rules and regulations shall be construed as separate to the end that if any section, sentence, clause or phrase shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of the rules and regulations shall continue in full force.

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Section 8. Penalty.

(a) Criminal Complaint - Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the District Court. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, and as the District Court may see fit to impose, the maximum penalty for any violation of these provisions shall be \$300.00 for each offense.

(b) Non-Criminal Disposition - Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may, in the discretion of the Health Agent, be penalized by a non-criminal complaint in the District Court pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. For the purpose of this provision the penalty to apply in the event of a violation shall be as follows: \$50.00 for the first offense; \$100.00 for the second offense; \$200.00 for the third offense; and \$300.00 for the fourth and each subsequent offense. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

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